



STREAKER 502 Sports Cuddy

As many F&B readers are aware, the Leon & Paul Savage families (we've lost count of the number involved in the Streaker show) have been building beautifully finished trailerboats out of Melbourne for years. Recently, Darren Shiel put the re-vamped 5.02, a real little gem - through its paces to remind us all that there ARE people in this industry really can do a very good job of building a totally complete, superbly set-up trailerboat.

In the competitive world of small boat building, there is no category with more competition than the 5.0 metre range. The popularity of this size is apparent in the new boat sales statistics. Classic boats like the Seafarer V-Sea, and Haines Signature 470 DF and 492-3F, attest to the popularity of this size fibreglass boat with the Australian public.

Why? Well, they're small enough for towing behind a small car, big enough to take coastal fishing in the right conditions, they're easily handled at the boat ramp or

backyard, and they are usually smoother riding than the tinnies. For all these reasons, this size is, and will remain to be, a very competitive sector in the boat building industry.

Leon and Paul Savage's Streaker Boats have thrown their collective hats back into the ring, remodelling the 5.02 metre Sports Cuddy again.

Design

When designing the 5.02 Cuddy, Leon and Paul Savage wanted to develop a boat to suit the needs of all potential customers. The boat had to be competitive with the alloy brands. It therefore needed to be

light for towing and powering, big enough to tackle coastal conditions, suitable for two guys to go fishing - and most of all, had to have a soft ride.

This boat is in cuddy guise, however it is also available in runabout configuration, complete with walk through windscreen and deck. The cuddy version is set up for fishing purposes, where the runabout is more suited to the family style, complete with back-to-back seats, carpets and the luxuries mum and the kids want, but don't really suit the needs of the fisherman.

Both boats share a standard 17

